

A N
ASTRONOMICAL DESCRIPTION
OF THE LATE
COMET
OR
BLAZING STAR;

As it appeared in *New-England* in the
9th, 10th, 11th, and in the beginning
of the 12th Month, 1664.

TOGETHER
With a brief Theological Application
thereof.

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- Psal.* 111. 2. The Works of the Lord are great: sought
out of all them that have pleasure therein.
Job. 36. 24. Remember that thou magnifie his work,
which men behold.
Exod. 7. 23. And Pharaoh turned and went into his
House, neither did he set his heart to
this also.

C A M B R I D G E


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DU BARTAS;

*There, with long bloody Hair, a Blazing Star
Threatens the World with Famine, Plague & War:
To Princes, death; to Kingdoms many crosses:
To all Estates, Inevitable Losses:
To Herdsmen, Rott: to Plow-men hapless Seasons:
To Sailors, Storms: to Cities, civil Treasons.*

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As it appeared in New-England.

- I.  His Comet is no sublunary Meteor or sulphureous Exhalation, but a Celestial Luminary, moving in the starry Heavens.

The Truth hereof may be demonstrated, & By the vast Dimensions of it's body. Some Comets have been observed by Astronomers to be halfe as big as the Moon, some bigger then the Moon, yea some bigger then the Earth. The exact Dimensions of this Comet, I may not presume to determine, but it seemeth not to be of the smallest size. Now 'tis not easy to imagine how the Earth should afford matter for a Meteor of such a huge magnitude, except we grant the greater part of the lower World

to be turned into an exhalation. 2. *By the smallness of it's Parallax.* The Parallax is the Distance between the true place of a Planet and the apparent. The lower and neerer any Planet is to the Earth, it hath the greater Parallax. The Moon's Parallax in her Perige, is one degree and six minutes. I could not by my Observation discern that this Comet had any considerable Parallax. 3. *By it's large circular motion.* If it had moved in the upper Region of the Aire, it might have finished the whole visible arch of it's Circle in a few houres: but wee saw it perform it's proper motion with great constancy in a very large Circle, such as the aire is not capable of. 4. *By it's long duration and continuance.* Had it been a Sulphureous Vapor kindled in the Aire; it might have been consumed in a short time; as other fiery Meteors are: but this continued about three months. 5. *By it's Visibility to all Countreys and Nations.* We already hear that this Comet was seen at Virginia, Jamaica, St. Martha, Cartagena and Barbados and no doubt but it was visible to the whole habitable World. But the highest region of the Aire is accounted not much above fifty English miles from the Earth, and had this Comet been no higher, it had been impossible that other Countreys and Nations so far distant, should have beheld it. Whether this

Comet

Comet was created in the beginning of the World together with the rest of the *Stars*, and hath been hid den in the height and profundity of the *Heavens*, and at a certain time descending toward the *Earth*, becomes Visible and Signal to the World, I leave free to after-disquisition.

II. *This Comet is not an Opaque Body, like the Moon and other of the Planets, but Transparent and Pellucid, the Sun Shining through it.*

The *Moon* is enlightened on that part only which is next the *Sun*, and like a looking glasse she reflects the solar *Beames*, which are cast upon her: but the *Sun* irradiates the *Comet* and shines through it as through a Transparent Gemme and illustrates a long tract in the *Heavens* beyond it. As the *Moon*, being a thick and dark Body, casts a dark shadow from the *Sun*, so the *Comet* being a clear and *Diaphanous Body* transmits the light and casts a bright and shining stream from the *Sun*; which alters and varies according to the diverse aspect of the *Sun*.

III. *The Coma or Blazing Stream that issues from the Comet, is no real flame, but the Irradiation and Resplendence of the Sun through the Transparent and Pellucid Body of the Comet.*

A *Comet* is denominated from it's *Coma* or Bushy-lock for the Stream hath some resemblance of a lock of hair. Now this Stream is not the fragrance of the *Comet*, but the *Beames* of

the Sun shining through the Diaphanous and Translucent head of the Comet; as may be argued and demonstrated, 1. By it's site and position, which is alwaies in opposition to the Sun. Had it been a natural flame, arising from it's flagrant head, it would have constantly moved upward, as the flame of a Lamp or Torch; unless it had broken forth by violence: but this streaming was sometimes upward, sometimes somewhat downward, sometimes westward, sometimes northward, sometimes eastward, according to the position of the Sun: neither can I imagine, that any violence caused it so to move. 2. By the diverse form and figure of the stream according to the diverse aspect of the Sun. One while it was like a beard, another while like a taile. 3. By the diverse dimensions of the Stream. It was sometimes longer, sometimes shorter, sometimes broad, sometimes narrower, according as the Comet was neerer or further from the Earth. 4. By the diverse quality and colour of the stream. It was sometimes bright and radiant, at other times obscure, dusky and faint, according to the apparent radiation of the Sun and the Comet's distance from us. 5. By it's duration. Had it been a real and natural flame, it is difficult to understand how the head of the Comet could have supplied it with food and fuel for so many months together. Obj, If the Stream be an irradiation

irradiation of the Sun, how comes it to be conspicuous and visible to us? The Sun-beames passing through the ethereal Heavens are not in themselves visible, neither do they terminate our sight. *Ans.* The only reason thereof (that I can yet learn) is the Refraction and Reverberation of the Sun-beames, as they pass through the *Comet's* condensed body, whereby they are so congregated and so neerly united, as that they terminate the sight and become conspicuous in the Heavens. "I have read of a certain famous transparent Gemme, called the Heliotrope, that if it be put into faire water, opposed to the beames of the Sun, it doth change it's beames, and by the repercussion of the Aire, seems to shadow the clearness of it's rayes, and so induces a sanguineous colour in the Aire, as if the Sun by the interposition of the body of the Moon, did suffer an eclipsick darkness.

IV. This Comet is not a new fixed Star, but a Planeticke or Erraticke Body, wandering up & down in the ethereal firmament under the fixed stars.

Some learned Astronomers distinguish these more noble and celestial Phenomena or Appearances into Fixed and Erraticke. Several new Stars have appeared which are fixed, i. e. they keep the same place in the Heavens, and the same distance from the fixed Stars. One in Cassiopeia Anno 1572. which continued a year and four

months. Another in *Antinous*: another in the *Girdle of Andromeda*, another in the *Whale*, another in the *Breſt of the Swan*, which continued many years. But this Comet was *Αστὴρ πλανήτης* (as *Jude* ſpeaks) a wandering Star, which kept not the ſame place in the Heavens, nor the ſame diſtance from the fixed Stars.

V. This Comet appeared firſt in the Conſtellation of the *Raven*, from whence it deſcended and croſſing the Tropick of *Capricorn* and ſome part of *Hydra*, it went ſouthward until it arrived at the main topſails of the ſhip: then it began to return, and going through the belly of *Canis major*, it again croſſed the Tropick of *Capricorn*, and paſſing through the middle of the *Hare*, it croſſed the river *Eridanus* and the Equinoctial, and entered into the mouth of the *Whale*, and going through his head, it croſſed the Ecliptick and ſo paſſed up between *Aries* and *Linum ſepentrionale*.

Some took notice of this Comet in the beginning of *November*, and indeed it had paſſed through the middle of the *Aſterifm of Corvus*, (as I gather from it's following motions) before I ſaw it. *Dec. 5.* early in the morning it ſeemed to me to be very neer the *Southern Tropick*, about 3. degrees ſouthward of the *Raven's bill* having longit. *Libra 4.* *Dec. 8.* early in the morning I ſaw it in ſome part of *Hydra*;

in *Virgo* 28. lat. *S.* 30 gr. The stream over-
 shadowing a small star in *Hydra*, that was neer,
Dec. 16. some observed it among the stars
 that are in the mainmast of *Argo Navis*: where
 it had longit. *Leo* 23. Lat. *S.* 45. *Dec.* 17. It
 was seen amongst the *stella informes*, which are
 behinde *Canis major*: where it was apprehended
 to have longit. *Leo*. 2. lat. *S.* 50. *Dec.* 18.
 The Comet came to *Sirius*, i. e. the great Dog,
 and passed through his belly. That night I saw
 it in *Cancer* 13. lat. *S.* 48. *Dec.* 19. It ascended
 from *Canis major* and crossing the southern Tra-
 ppe it arrived at *Lepus*, i. e. the Hare. That
 night I saw it pass over the more northern Star in
 the Hare's hinder legs: being in *Gemini* 24. lat.
S. 44. *Dec.* 23. I saw it as I supposed in *Taur.*
 14. lat. *S.* 19. *Dec.* 24. I apprehended it to be
 in the Equinoctial which it crossed in the 41th
 gr. entring into the mouth of *Balena*: having
 longit. *Taur.* 12. 30. lat. *S.* 17. *Dec.* 25. In
Taur. 11. 30. lat. *S.* 14. *Dec.* 28, I saw it in a
 right line between two Stars in the head of the
Whale, almost in the middle between them: in
Taur. 4. 15. Lat. *S.* 7. 15. *Dec.* 29 I saw it
 very neer to another Star in the head of the
Whale: in *Taur.* 3. lat. *S.* 6. *Jan.* 3. It crossed
 the Ecliptick in *Aries* 28, 30. *Jan.* 16. it came to
Aries 26. lat. *N.* 3. *Jan.* 24. *Aries* 25. lat. *N.*
 4. *Jan.* 31. *Aries* 25. lat. *N.* 5. 30. *Feb.* 4.

Aries 25. lat. N. 6. 15. Since that I saw it not, nor any man else, that I hear of. If in these observations I have not attained that *ac- curateness* which the Reader desires, my want of *Astronomical Instruments* may bespeak his indulgence therein.

VI. *This Comet at it's first appearance was Oriental and Matutine, afterward it became Occidental and Vespertine.*

At first it appeared early in the morning before the rising of the Sun, and then every day rose sooner then other, (withall changing it's *Azimuth* or point of the Compass in it's rising) until it appeared in the evening, as soon as daylight was ended,

VI. *This Comet at first moved slowly, then more swiftly till it came to it's Perige: since which time it hath gradually decreased in it's motion: toward the latter end of it's apparition, it hath moved most slowly.*

From Dec. 5. h. to the 8. h (which was the time between my first and second observation) the *Comet's* apparent motion in it's proper line upon the *celestial Sphere*, was about 2 degrees & a halfe in a day, one day with another. Dec. 17. it was observed by some to move about 13. degrees. Dec. 18 it moved 15, or 16 degrees. Dec. 19 it moved about 13. degrees. [I cannot precisely determine it's diurnal motion, especially when

when it was so exceeding swift, because I know not certainly the hour of the night, when these observations were made.] From Dec. 25, to 29 it moved 2 degrees & half in a day, one day with another. Dec. 29. 2. degr. Dec. 30. 1. degr. & halfe Dec. 31. 1. degr. In the beginning of Jan. it moved near 1. degr. in a day: but toward the latter end, not one degr. in several dayes. From Jan. 5th to Feb. 4th according to my observation it gained scarce 7 degr.

VIII This Comet was continually Retrograde in it's motion, onely toward the latter end of it's apparition, it became Stationary.

This Comet from the first time, it was taken notice of, until the latter end of Jan. in it's proper motion went contrary to the *serse* and order of the signes, viz. from *Libra* to *Virgo* and so backward to *Aries*: But in the latter end of January, and in the beginning of February it kept in the same degree of longitude, onely it altered it's latitude.

IX This Comet hath moved constantly almost in a right line, or in a great Circle, equal to the greatest circle of the celestial Sphere: but towards it's disappearing, it hath deflected a little and become ellipticall.

This may be demonstrated by the Celestial Globe. Depress the Southern Pole 61 degr. (which is the complement of the Comet's greatest declination,)

nation,) and you may finde almost all the fore-mentioned observations concerning the *Comet* place to fall just upon the *Horizon of the Globe*: but toward the latter end, you shall finde the *Cometicall line* to recede a little from a *true circle*.

X. The proper Circle of the Comet's motion is Eccentricall, i.e. it hath a center diverse from the center of the world.

This is evident 1 By the diversity of it's Latitude, which was sometimes *southern*, and sometimes *northern*. 2 By the inequality of it's apparent motion, which was sometimes *swift* and sometimes *slow*. 3 By the diversity of it's distance from the earth, which was sometimes *greater*, and sometimes *less*.

XI. This Comet hath ascended in Meridian Altitude above 44 degr. For it's lowest meridian altitude with us, was 18 degr. and 40 minutes, and it's highest, 63 degr. and 15 min.

XII. The Cometicall line descended to 29 degr. of Southern declination.

XIII. The Comet's Southern Limit of Latitude was 50 degr.

XIV. The apparent motion of the Comet was anomalous and unequal, but it's motion in it's proper Orb or Circle, was very near equal and uniform.

That it's apparent motion was *unequal* and *irregular* is manifest by it's *Velocity* or *swiftness* one while,

while, it's *mediocrity* another while, and it's *tardity* or *slowness* toward the latter end. The cause of which *anomaly* and *inequality*, was the Comet's *Eccentricity*. That the Comet's motion in it's proper orb or circle was very neer equal and uniform, may be demonstrated by the equality of it's *diurnal motion* in equal distances from it's *perige*. For instance, I finde on the 5th of December and on the 25th, the Comet was equally distant from it's *Perige*, and that then it's apparent motion was equal, viz. 2 degree and a halfe in a day: and therefore it's true motion in reference to it's own proper center was very neer equal and regular.

XV. The Comet seemed to be in it's *Perige*, or neerest to the Earth, when it was in the belly of Canis major, which was sometime on the 18.6 of December.

The *Perige* is that point of the Cometical circle which is neerest to the earth. The *Apoge* is the point farthest distant from the earth. That the Comet was in it's *Perige* at the time and in the place forementioned may be argued, 1 From the *swiftness* of it's apparent motion on that day. All the Planets are slow in their *Apoge* and swift in their *Perige*. This Comet was apprehended to move the most swiftly on that day. 2. from the Equality of it's apparent motion in equal distances from thence: An instance whereof

I gave

I gave before. 3. From the distance of the place assigned, (*viz.* the middle of the belly of *Sirius*) to the place of the *Comet's* disappearing. In the Cometical line the distance is about 90 degrees. Now according to the Theory and doctrine of *Comets*, it was never observed that any *Comet* from the point of it's swiftest motion, ever ran beyond the fourth part of a circle, which is 90 degrees. *N. B.* On the selfe same day (*viz.* the 18th of December) the Sun was also in his *Perige*.

XVI. Since December 9th, the *Comet* hath proceeded in it's proper curricule upon the celestial Sphere, 153. degrees: and I suppose in all, since it's first apparition, 180. degrees.

XVII. The cometical circle seemeth to include and encompass the Earth.

This may be Argued. 1. From the length and greatness of the visible and apparent Arch of the Cometical circle, which was very neer to if not a true semicircle. 2. From the Duration and long continuance of it's Apparition, which was about three months.

XVIII. The time and real magnitude of the *Comet* was constantly one and the same, but it's apparent magnitude was Various and Diverse.

At it's first appearance it seemed but small, as length it appeared far greater, sometime it seemed to be very neer halfe as big as the *Moon*, after

after that it decreased successively, till at last it appeared like a cloudy star. The Reason whereof is evident; at it's first appearance it was very high in the Heavens, and therefore it's diameter seemed less: afterward it descended lower and nearer to the earth, and then it's diameter encreased: at length it went up higher & was removed further from our sight, and then it's basis together with the angle of the optick Cone was diminished, until at last it disappeared and vanished out of sight.

XIX The true colour and splendor of the Comet was alwayes one and the same, but it's apparent colour was various and diverse.

At first appearance it's colour was pale and obscure: afterward bright and radiant, at length it grew very obscure and faint like a cloudy star. In the West Indies it appeared fiery, red and dreadfull.

XX The Coma or Stream that came from the head of the Comet, was alwayes cast into that part, which was diametrically opposite to the sun.

When the Comet's irradiation was from the South-east, it's streaming was toward the north-west, when it's irradiation was from S.S.E. it's streaming was toward N.N.W. when it's irradiation was from the South, it's streaming was toward the north, when it's irradiation was from S.S.W. it's streaming was toward N.N.E. when it's

its irradiation was from the S.W. its streaming was toward N.E.

XXI. The Comet in respect of its stream, hath been of a diverse figure according to the diverse aspect of the Sun.

Comets in respect of their figure are distinguished into *Barbate*, *Caudate* and *Crinie*. A Comet is *barbate*, when the stream like a beard, goes before the body of the Comet. *Caudate*, when the stream like a tail follows the body of a Comet. *Crinie* when the stream goes right up into the Heavens and seems like a hairy-lock to be wound up about the Comet's head. This Comet, while it was *Oriental*, was *Barbate*, the stream going before its body, like a beard. When the Comet became *Occidental*, it was *Caudate*, the stream following the Comet's body like a tail. But it could not be properly *Crinie*, in regard of the greatness of the Comet's southern latitude at the time of its opposition with the Sun.

XXII. The stream hath appeared of a diverse height, breadth and extent, according to the diverse position of the Sun, and the Comet's distance from us.

The stream was not alwaies of the same height in the Heavens with the head of the Comet, but sometimes higher, and sometimes lower. Neither was the *asparation* of the stream alwaies one and the same, but it was sometimes broader, and sometimes

times narrower. The length and extent of the stream was also diverse: Dec: 8. It was apprehended to be 38 degr. long. Dec: 17. 20 degr. Dec: 30. 15 degr. Jan: 6. 14 degr. Jan: 25. 7 degr Jan: 31. 3 degr.

XXIII. This Comet hath been vertical to all countries, that lye between 29 degrees of Southern Latitude and 15 degrees of Northern Latitude.

The Comet is said to be Vertical to any people, when the Body of the Comet passeth over their heads. This Comet was vertical to the chief Islands of the East Indies, as also to Guinea and to the most of the Southern part of Africa: likewise to Peru, Brasilia, Guiana, Castilia del oro, nova AndaluZIA, and to several of the Islands of the West Indies, as Trinidad, Granada, Barbados, Matalino, Dominica and many other.

XXIV. The stream which came from the Comet hath turned about and pointed toward most countries and Kingdomes in the habitable World.

XXV. This Comet is not evaporated nor dissolved, but it is ascended higher toward it's Apoge and so departed out of our sight.

If the Comet be no vapour but a celestial planetick luminary, moving constantly in it's Eccentric orb, and if the stream thereof be no real flame, but the irradiation of the Sun through the Comet's head, it will necessarily follow that the Comet is not consumed, dissipated or extinguish'd, but

rather ascended toward it's Apoge, i.e. the farthest point distant from the Earth, and by being buried in the deep abyss of the Heavens, becomes inconspicuous to us.

XXVI. This Comet hath followed upon a notable Conjunction of the Superiour Planets, Saturn and Jupiter.

Astronomers observe, that Comets do many times follow a Conjunction of the Superiour Planets. The last Year, October 10th, was a great Conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter in the 13th degr. of Sagittarius.

A Brief Theological Application of this strange and notable Appearance in the Heavens.

I. **T**HE Holy Scriptures, which are the Authentick and unerring Canon of truth, teach us to look at Comets, as Portentous and Signal of great and notable Changes.

Isa. 2. 20, 21. I will shew wonders in the Heavens and in the Earth, Blood and Fire, and Pillars of Smoak. The Sun shall be turned into Darknes, and the Moon into Blood before the great and terrible day of the Lord come.

Luke 21. 25. There shall be signes in the Sun, and in the Moon, and in the Stars.

Acts 2. 19, 20. I will shew wonders in Heaven above, and signes in the Earth beneath: Blood, and Fire, and Vapor of Smoak. The Sun shall be turned into Darknes and the Moon into Blood before the great and notable day of the Lord come.

II. The Histories of former Ages, do abundantly testify

testifie that Comets have been many times Heralds
of wrath to a secure and impenitent World.

Take a few Instances.

A little before the *Achaick Warr* (as *Seneca*
reports) there appeared a Comet fiery and
ruddy, which cast a clear light, whereby the
night was enlightened.

Anno Chr. 56. There appeared a Comet.
The same Year *Claudius* died, and bloody *Nero*
succeeded who slew his *Mother*, his *Wife* and
his *Master Seneca*. and exercised a great deal of
cruelty and wickedness.

Anno 323. There were diverse Comets
which preceeded the *Pestilence* of *Ariss*.

Anno. 337. A Comet appeared before the
death of *Constantine* the great, and innumerable
evils followed.

Anno 602. A great Comet appeared, which
preceeded, if not presaged the slaughter of
Mauritius the Emperor, and the *Supremacy* of
the *Bishop of Rome*.

Anno 675, & 676. There appeared a Co-
met 3 months, at which time the *Saracens*
greatly afflicted the *Roman Empire*.

Anno. 729 Two Comets appeared, and the
same year a great *Plague* invaded the World.

Anno 814. A terrible Comet appeared before

the death of *Charles the great.*

Anno 1066. A Comet appeared a long time to the whole World: the same Year England was many waies afflicted by *William Duke of Normandy*, and at length subdued.

Anno 1618. There appeared a great Comet: the same year brake forth the *Bloody Wars* in *Germany*.

Anno 1652. There appeared a Comet at the beginning of *Mr. Cottons* sickness, and disappeared a few daies after his death. The next year strange and notable changes of State happened in *England*.

It is true, some Comets have been thought to presage good to the World, as that in the dayes of *Augustus* before the birth of *Christ*. [I intend not that miraculous *Star*, which appeared to the *Magi*.] Another before the death of *Nero*: Another before the reformation by *Wickliffe*: Another before the reformation by *Luther*: but most commonly they are observed to precede, if not portend great Calamities.

Anno 79 Upon a Comet followed horrible Winds, an Earthquake and Pestilence. When some shew'd *Vespasian* this Comet, fearing it might portend his death, he answered merrily that this Prod gie noted not him, but the King of *Parthia*. For saith he, he nourisheth his hair, but I am bald. But not long after, *Vespasian* died.

III. The

III. The Commination of wrath according to Scripture, is to be understood after a conditional manner, i.e. with an implicit reservation for Gods altering and revoking his threatened dispensation upon repentance intervening.

Jer. 18. 7, 8. At what Instant I shall speak concerning a nation and concerning a Kingdome, to pluck up and to pull down and to destroy it: if that nation against whom I have pronounced, turn from their Evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

Jer. 36. 33, 7. It may be the house of Judah will hear all the evil, which I purpose to do unto them, that they may return every man from his evil way, that I may forgive their Iniquity and their Sin. It may be they will present their supplication before the Lord, and will returne every one, from his evil way: for great is the Anger and the Fury, which the Lord hath pronounced against this People.

Jonah 3. 10. And God saw their works that they turned from their evil way, and God repented of the Evil, that he had said, that he would do unto them, and he did it not.

IV. This Blazing Star being in conjunction with diverse other awful Providences and Tokens of Wrath, calls upon us to awake out of security, and to bring forth fruits meet for Repentance.

A Few Instances of some late awful Providences.

1. *Earth-quakes.* About two years ago viz. Jan. 26, & 28. 1662, 63. The foundations of the Earth trembled, and some of our houses rock't like a cradle, 6, or 7 times did the Earth shake under us in the space of 2 or 3 dayes. It was then thought and said, that these *Earth-quakes* might portend the Lords shaking the foundations of our Churches and of our civil state.

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2. The late removal by Death of some of our eminent Prophets and seers, who were as eyes unto us in the Wilderness, and the Chariots of Israel and the Horse-men thereof. April 3th, 1663, That burning and shining Light, who shone in the Church of Boston, and gave light to the whole Colony and Country, Mr. John Norton, a man eminently accomplished, was taken from us, and translated to an higher Orb, Of whom New-England was not worthy.

July 20 1663. That bright and radiant Star, a Star of the first magnitude, Mr. Samuel Stone, the strength and glory of Connecticut, rested from his labours and sorrows, and fell a sleep sweetly and placidly in the Lord. A little before Him, Mr John Miller and Mr. Samuel Newman, faithful, painful and affectionate Preachers of the Gospel, were also taken from us by death. Thus our Pillars are cut down, our strongest Stakes pluck't up, and our breaches not repaired. Is it a small thing in our eyes, our principal Congregations & Head-townes, should be so sadly bereaved, as they are at this day?

3. The sad Mouldew and Blasting, whereby we have been greatly afflicted the last Summer, and some of us the Summer before: our principal grain being turned into an husk & rottenness.

4. Severe Drought this last Summer, which burnt up the Pastures and the latter growth.

5. Early

3. *Early Frosts*, which smote our *Indian Corps*, and greatly impoverished our latter harvest.

Unto these and some other no less threatening Visitations, is superadded this strange and fearful Appearance in the Heavens, which is now seconded by a new Appearance this Spring, concomitant to the translation of our Honoured and Aged Governour, Mr. *John Endicott*, from hence to a better World: By all which doubtless the Lord calls upon *New-England* to awake and to repent.

To this End Consider.

1. What a jealous eye the Lord hath upon us, observing how we carry and behave our selves at such a time as this. *Lev. 3. 8.* And I saw, when for all the causes, whereby backsliding Israel committed Adultery, I had put her away, and given her a bill of Divorce: yet her Treacherous Sister Judah feared not, but went and played the Harlot also.

2. What the Lord expects and looks for from a people so highly favoured and privileged, and so awfully warned and threatned. *Zeeph. 3. 7.* I said surely thou wilt fear mee; thou wilt receive instructions: so their dwelling place should not be cut off; howsoever I punished them.

3. How sadly will the Lord Jesus expostulate with us, if we fall asleep in the hour of the Passion and Agony of the Gospel. *Mat. 26. 40.* He cometh unto the Disciples and findeth them asleep, and saith unto *Peter*, what could ye not watch with me one hour? each word is very Emphatical

4. The danger of being surprized by temptation before we are aware. *Lam. 1. 9.* She Re-

Remembered not her last end, therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. Rev. 16. 15. Behold I come as a thief, Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

5. The singular blessing reserved for the vigilant and penitent. Hab. 3. 16. When I heard, my belly trembled: my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones: and I trembled in my selfe: that I might rest in the day of trouble. Luk. 21. 36. Watch ye therefore and pray alwaies, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.

To Conclude: God forbid that any of us should be *Αστὴρ πλανήτης* wandring Stars, Eccentrick and Erratick in our motions, as all Seducers and Impostors are: for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. 1. Pet. 2. 12. but the Lord grant that we may all become fixed Stars in the new Jerusalem, which comes down from God, observing the Heavenly order prescribed in his holy word, and shining as lights in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, clearly reflecting that pure and precious light, wherewith we are irradiated by the Sun of Righteousness: and then we may assure ourselves, Christ will still hold us in his right hand, and not suffer us to be cast down from Heaven, but enable us to finish our course with joy, & at length translate us into the Kingdome of the Father, where we shall shine forth as the Sun, and as the brightness of the firmament, and as the Stars forever and ever. Amen.